

Adjective Or Participle

Participles can also act as adjectives. In this case, they modify nouns. Sometimes participles are used as adjectives after be or other copular verbs. In this case, they complete the predicate.

When participles help to form continuous and perfect tenses, they act as participles.

This grammar exercise tests your ability to recognize participles and adjectives.

1. She was excited about the project.

Excited is an adjective

Excited is a past participle

2. I watched an interesting movie yesterday.

Interesting is an adjective

Interesting is a present participle

3. She was driving us crazy.

Driving is an adjective

Driving is a present participle

4. I hope you are fully recovered from your operation.

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Recovered is an adjective

Recovered is a past participle

5. Her idea seems exciting.

Exciting is an adjective

Exciting is a present participle

6. The children were screaming at the top of their voice.

Screaming is an adjective

Screaming is a present participle

7. I had warned you.

Warned is an adjective

Warned is a past participle

8. He was not expecting this.

Expecting is an adjective

Expecting is a present participle

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9. It was beginning to rain.

Beginning is an adjective

Beginning is a present participle

10. I did not enjoy the party because I was bored.

Bored is an adjective

Bored is a past participle

11. They have not been able to find the missing child.

Missing is an adjective

Missing is a present participle

12. She is retired now.

Retired is an adjective

Retired is a past participle

Answers

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